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REMARKS

Examiner Interview Summary

Applicants wish to express their sincere appreciation for the time that Examiner Kubelik spent with Applicants' Attorney, Cynthia Lee, during a telephone discussion on July 22, 2004 regarding the present application. During that conversation, the Examiner indicated that the outstanding Office Communication sent on July 14, 2004 was sent before she received the Preliminary Amendment sent by Applicant on July 1, 2004. Thus, the Office Communication requests that amendments be made that were already made in the Preliminary Amendment submitted on July 1, 2004. The Examiner agreed that the "Annotated Version of Abstract" and "Clean Copy Version of Abstract" submitted on July 1, 2004 are in acceptable format.

Nevertheless, to avoid any confusion, Applicants are resubmitting an "Annotated Version of Abstract" and "Clean Copy Version of Abstract" to satisfy the outstanding Office Communication.

Amendment to Abstract

Both annotated and clean copy versions of the Abstract are submitted herewith on separate sheets. Because there are extensive amendments to the original Abstract as originally-filed with the application, Applicants have presented the original Abstract in strike-through font in the annotated version. Thus, Applicants respectfully request that the entire Abstract as originally-filed be replaced with the clean copy version submitted herewith.

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CONCLUSION

In light of the foregoing amendments and for at least the reasons set forth above, Applicant respectfully requests favorable reconsideration and allowance of the present application and all pending claims. If, in the opinion of the Examiner, a telephone conference would expedite the examination of this matter, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned agent at (770) 933-9500.

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